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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The scheme is under consideration of the Government. It is expected to benefit 20,000 acres. It cannot be said now when the scheme will be sanctioned."

Opening of a Sub-Registry office at Pattambi.

* 868 *Q.*—SRI K. M. SEETHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Registration be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the opening of a Sub-Registry office at Pattambi in South Malabar was sanctioned;

(*b*) whether it has been opened; and

(*c*) if the reply to (*b*) is in the negative the reason for it?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government recently considered the question of opening a sub-registry office at Pattambi as a Part II scheme for 1953–54. but decided that it should be deferred and taken up as a Part II scheme for 1954–55. The Government thought that, in view of the impending formation of the Andhra State, all schemes which are not imperatively and immediately essential should wait."

Retrenchment of workers in the Andhra Scientific Company, Masulipatnam.

* 869 *Q.*—SRI G. ANJANEYULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received by the Government regarding the retrenchment of workers in the Andhra Scientific Company, Masulipatnam, by the Andhra Scientific Works Union, Masulipatnam, in January 1953; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No representation was received by the Government or the Commissioner of Labour from the Andhra Scientific works (workers) Union. The Labour Officer, Vijayawada, received a memorandum purported to be a representation from 46 retrenched workers of the company. The Labour Officer contacted the representatives of the union and found that the retrenchment was effected after consultation with the Works Committee and with their approval. As there was no discrimination, victimization or unfair labour practice while effecting retrenchment, no further action was taken in the matter."